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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Air Force Contract** [REDACTED]

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1. The following points should be kept in mind as to why the Air Force contract [REDACTED] for Soviet Orbit areas and neighboring countries should be undertaken by the Central Intelligence Agency:

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a. The specialized knowledge of Soviet Orbit characteristics necessary for the development of the project is a primary capability of CRR not found elsewhere in the government.

(1) CRR has over 160 functional economic specialty components concentrated on the Orbit regions.

(2) In addition, it has large map, geological, and geographic specialty resources concentrating on the Orbit and the Near East.

(3) All other personnel are Soviet Orbit area specialists.

b. The above resources are organized on a close all source working basis necessary for effective development of the project. Such an all source basis requires certain specialization in intelligence techniques not easily found anywhere else.

c. CIA [REDACTED] is under way and is necessary for economic research as well as support for covert operations. Development [REDACTED] is a part of such work.

d. It is advisable to use CRR resources in order to minimize duplication.

e. [REDACTED] originally hoped that CRR might undertake the job because of the magnitude of area background specialization required which would not be available elsewhere without long-term painful organizational development.

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